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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S PURCHASING AGENT
TO PURCHASE ONE FIXED ASSET ITEM IN EXCESS OF \$250,000
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval to authorize the Los Angeles County (County) Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of a Sonar Improvised Explosive Device Detection vessel (Vessel) to assist in the security of the County water supply systems such as dams, reservoirs, and aqueducts, along with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the County's Purchasing Agent to proceed with the acquisition of one Vessel. The purchase exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Board previously approved the acceptance of grant funds from the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) from the Department of Homeland Security. The SHSGP Approval Authority has approved the purchase of the Vessel, as this purchase would assist in the security of the County water supply systems such as dams, reservoirs, and aqueducts, along with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. This will benefit all citizens and businesses in the County. Safe water supply and safe ports are not only vital to the well-being of the citizens of the County, but have dire fiscal impact to ensure goods and services flow without interruption.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) members from the Special Enforcement Bureau will operate this Vessel without the need for additional personnel.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan, Goal 5, Public Safety, as this action supports our public safety mission by increasing security at our ports.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The funding for this purchase will come from the 2009 SHSGP grant. There is no matching fund requirement or impact on net County cost. The cost of this Vessel is \$265,000, which has been included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions for purchasing.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The acquisition of equipment is under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent and will be requisitioned, solicited, and purchased in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The purchase of this Vessel will assist the Department in maintaining and increasing its port security and mutual aid obligations.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department.

Sincerely,



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